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COUNTY TAX RATE IS REDUCED TO \$1.29

Allotments for Extended Term Made by Equalization Board

11 SCHOOLS OF COUNTY TO GET TOTAL OF \$12,418

Larger by \$1,179 Than Aid Received From State Last Year

The eleven schools in this county enjoying the eight months term will receive \$12,418.78 for the operation of the seventh and eighth months, it was announced by educational authorities here this morning. The fund received for the operation of the extended term this year is larger by \$1,179 than the amount allotted the eight months schools in the county last term. Three districts, Dardens, Gold Point, and Hassell, the Equalization Board stated, could operate their schools on a 14-cent rate, or less, and they do not participate in the allotment.

There might be a slight alteration in the allotment, but as it now stands it will just about care for one-third of the expense necessary in operating the schools for the seventh and eighth months.

The allotments were made to the individual districts as follows:

Dardens	None
Jamesville	\$ 3,247.47
Bear Grass	1,510.47
Williamston	3,369.82
Everetts	1,055.95
Gold Point	None
Parnele	759.13
Robersonville	1,691.68
Hamilton	534.50
Hassell	None
Oak City	251.76
Total	\$12,418.78

TO SELL OLD SCHOOL SITES

Ten Sites and Buildings To Be Sold at Courthouse Here October 5th

In accordance with the public school laws of the State, the Martin County Board of Education is making preparations to sell ten pieces of school property located in various parts of the county. Signed by Chairman W. O. Griffin, the order of sale was issued yesterday, and the property will be sold to the highest bidder at an auction to be held at the courthouse door here the first Monday in October, the board reserving all rights to accept or reject any bids.

These properties, made vacant through consolidations, are as follows: Ange School, 1 acre land. Poplar Run (Poplar Chapel) School no land. Coopers School, 1 acre land. Spring Green School, 1 acre land. Sandy Ridge School, 2 acres land. Burroughs School, no land. Cross Roads School, 1 1/2 acres land. Smithwick (Fairview) School, and land. Smith school, 1 acre land. James School (colored) and land.

6 ARE FINED FOR GAME VIOLATION

Caught Hunting Without Licenses by Deputy Game Wardens

Six hunters were given hearings before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here last Tuesday for violating the game laws. Hunting without licenses, J. A. Jones, Robert Price, J. D. Harrison, Wilmer Brabble, Percell Stovall, and Lester Jones, all of this township, were each taxed with \$9.50 costs, the justice suspending sentence.

Price, Harrison, and Brabble appealed and their cases will be heard in the recorder's court October 13. Deputy Wardens Mayo Grimes and Thomas Crawford carried the cases before Justice Hassell.

Unusual Hen Egg Is Reported By Resident

Mrs. Mack G. Taylor, local resident, reported an unusual egg of unusual size yesterday when her cook cracked the shell of the hen fruit. Inside the shell was a perfectly formed egg and around that was another egg, but with out a yolk. No measurements or weight were recorded, Mrs. Taylor stating that the egg was one of the largest she had ever seen.

ASKING AID FOR CHILDREN KEPT OUT OF SCHOOL

Mysterious Grave in Woods Draws Crowd Thrill-Seekers

Acting upon advice given by Luvia Slade, colored woman living near Mill Branch, on the Hamilton Road, officers late Wednesday afternoon started digging for what was thought to be a human body, mysteriously buried.

Tuesday night, the Slade woman saw a car enter a small path near the branch, where it remained for about 30 minutes. The next morning she was traveling the narrow path and when she passed the spot where the car was parked she saw fresh dirt. The happenings the night before, and the size of the grave led the woman to believe

that a child had been illegally buried. Sheriff Roebuck was notified. With spades and scoops, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Chief of Police W. B. Daniel, Attorneys B. A. Critcher and Wheeler Martin, Farmer H. H. Cowan, Engineer W. A. Cherry, and Messrs. W. G. Peel and A. R. White went out to dig up the body. The work became exciting to the onlooker when the diggers found a few old rags and leaves about two feet under the ground. More dirt was removed, and the carcass of a lowly canine was discovered.

SCHOOL RATE

Meeting last Tuesday night, the local school board tentatively established a 20-cent rate to care for the extended school term in this district. The rate is 2 cents under the one in effect last year.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD FIRST MEET NEXT THURSDAY

Full Membership Urged for First Meeting of the New Club Year

The local woman's club will hold its first meeting of the 1931-32 club year in its rooms next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Myrtle Brown, the new president, will preside.

Officers, announcing the meeting, stated that matters of great importance would be placed before the organization for discussion, and a full membership is urged to be present. The club, facing what is believed one of its years of greatest service, is appealing to its membership and other interested citizens of the town and community in an effort to continue the worthy work carried on by the club in the past.

NEGRO CHILD IS KILLED BY CAR

Dr. Albert Anderson's Auto Figures in Accident Near Tarboro

Clifton Hughes, eight-year-old negro boy, was instantly killed late Tuesday afternoon near Tarboro when he was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. Albert Anderson, superintendent of the State Hospital, Raleigh.

Dr. Anderson was returning to his home after attending the funeral of Mr. A. Anderson here, when the boy ran out of a cotton patch into the road in front of the car. Dr. Anderson stopped to render aid, but found the boy dead. The accident was unavoidable.

Program of Services At Baptist Church

The pastor of the Baptist church will lecture to his congregation Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock on the Cherokee Indians of Western Carolina.

The Cherokee Reservation is one of the Baptist mission fields of the State. There are 63,000 acres composing the reservation; there are about 3,000 Indians now living there. They have their churches and Sunday schools, and much progress has been made.

The pastor was in the reservation for some time on his recent visit to Western Carolina, and will lecture on the life and religious practices of these people.

Sunday morning the sermon subject will be, "Mountain Peaks of the Old Testament."

The church and its pastor wish to express their deep feelings of sympathy to the families of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Summerlin in these days of their sorrow.

FARMER IS FOUND DEAD IN YARD OF HOME NEAR HERE

William Bryant, 65, Dies Suddenly; Funeral Is Held Wednesday

William Bryant, about 65 years old, was found dead at the home of his son, Robert Bryant, on the Burroughs farm, near here, early Wednesday morning. Rising early that morning, the son noticed that his father was not in his room, and going into the yard he saw the old gentleman lying on the ground dead with his face down and arms outstretched. About three years ago, Mr. Bryant suffered a stroke of paralysis, and it is believed that he suffered a second stroke and that it resulted in sudden death.

The son heard his father go on the porch about 10 o'clock the night before, and it is believed he fell dead a short while thereafter. The body was cold when found Wednesday morning. Having apparently recovered from the stroke suffered several years ago, Mr. Bryant was thought to be in good health when he left his room Tuesday night.

Mr. Bryant had married twice, both wives preceding him to the grave. Since the death of his last wife he had made his home with his son, who, with several sisters, survives.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon and burial was in the Taylor grave yard, near Gold Point, Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church, administering the last rites.

399 LICENSES TO HUNT ARE SOLD

Williamston Leads List By Issuing 150; Most Are For County Use

Up to and including last Tuesday, 399 hunting licenses had been sold in this county, the greatest number being designated as county hunting permits. The sale, Warden Hines stated yesterday, is about the same in size as the one last year for an equal period.

Williamston led the list with 150 county licenses, 36 State licenses, and 4 each for hunting and trapping, and hunting and fishing. Oak City sold 66 county hunting permits and 3 State permits. Other sales were: Robersonville, 24 county, 16 State; Hamilton, 40 county and 3 State; Jamesville, 31 county, 3 State, 4 hunting and fishing and 1 hunting and trapping; Hassell, 14 county licenses.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

C. T. Rogers, pastor.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—You are invited.

Church service, 11 a. m.—You are invited. No services at night.

Epworth League, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Hi League, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.

Mid-week service, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Holly Springs

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Revival services now going on and will continue during the coming week. Attendance is good. Come and worship with us.

LACK OF BOOKS KEEPING MANY FROM CLASSES

Enrollment Increased Since Opening Day; 182 Are In High School

The number of pupils enrolled in the local schools has increased from 704 on opening day to 714, Principal W. R. Watson stated this morning. Seven of the increase was reported in the high school, bringing the enrollment there up to 182, with a few more pupils yet to enter, it is understood. The large enrollment of 89 in the first grade on opening day has been increased and there are now 95 pupils classified as beginners.

Without proper clothing and unable to buy books, at least 20 children have found it impossible to enter the school here, Mr. Watson stated today, basing his estimate on reports received from several sections served by the local schools. Arrangements are now being made in an effort to provide for these children that they might share in the educational training offered here. It is a big job to care for these cases, and help is urgently solicited by those in charge.

Bus facilities are not adequate to handle all the children, but Principal Watson stated that work was progressing very well considering all handicaps.

ARREST NUMBER FOR VIOLATION OF LIQUOR LAWS

Fifteen Martin Men Await Hearing Before U. S. Commissioner Here

Around 50 or 60 violators of the liquor laws were arrested in this and Bertie counties yesterday by Federal Prohibition enforcement agents. A list of the violators had not been made public at noon today; but there were more than a dozen young men brought here from Bear Grass township for hearings before a United States commissioner today. Other hearings were held this morning in Bertie, it was stated.

Working under cover, two agents had conducted a thorough campaign into certain sections of this and Bertie counties, picking their victims here and there as they went.

Shortly afternoon the hearings scheduled in this county were still being held up pending the completion of those in Windsor. It could not be learned just when the commissioner would complete his work in Bertie and start the hearings here.

According to unofficial information gained here, the defendants are charged with possessing and selling liquor.

William P. Hodges Speaks From WPTF Thursday

William P. Hodges, young Raleigh lawyer, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hodges, of Williamston, made an address over the air yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock in observance of the 144th anniversary of the adoption of the constitution of the United States. Discussing the preamble to the constitution, Mr. Hodges outlined the origin of the document and offered comments in connection with its importance.

As far as it is known here, Mr. Hodges is the first Martin County man to make an address over the air. He was in the WPTF studios, Raleigh.

WORK ON ROAD

State forces this week started the construction of a road about three miles long to Dymond City, in Griffins Township. The road will be used as an outlet for the Dymond Ranch, now being developed on the 15,000-acre tract.

The new road, following the course of the old one, will be 30 feet wide and will have four bridges. The cost of construction will be about \$1,000.

Stronger Trend in Tobacco Prices Noted Past Few Days

While prices continue low, a stronger tone in the local tobacco market sales was noted this week. Prices, not including the one-cent grades which continue unchanged, ranged higher yesterday and today and very good sales were reported by the market.

Reporting approximately 95,000 pounds on the floors here today, the market is nearing the million and a half mark, the average price so far paid being so low that it is a shame to make it known. That the average price paid here compares favorably with actual averages on other markets is almost certain, but it must be said that it is lower than some of those made public since the market opened September 1.

Heavier sales are anticipated on the market here next week, according to reports.

This week a goodly quantity of tobacco has been sold from foreign countries, several large trucks from Pitt unloading several thousand pounds during the past few days.

SUPERIOR COURT DOCKET LISTS 29 CRIMINAL CASES

Most of Them Are of Minor Importance; Term Will Begin Monday

Twenty-nine criminal cases have been placed on the docket for trial in the Martin County Superior Court convening next Monday and running for two weeks. The docket, with the exception of one murder case, is of little consequence and the murder case—State against Ernest Vick—will hardly attract more than passing attention.

As a whole, very few of the cases were entered on the docket directly, a majority of them reaching there through appeals from the recorder's court during the past three months. Several were continued from previous terms, and one or two of the other causes are virtually the same as dead-wood, but which have not been ordered removed from the docket.

Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, is scheduled to preside over the term. The first two days of the court have been set aside for work on the criminal docket. Civil causes will be heard during the remainder of the week and the week following.

A list of the cases follows:

N. S. Godard, seduction, continued from a previous term; Mote Mills and Furney Coley, assault with a deadly weapon, appeal from recorder's court on two counts; Jane Powell, larceny, appeal from recorder's court; C. M. Barber, assault with a deadly weapon, appeal from county court; Jesse Rogie, forgery, continued from previous term; James Bullock, larceny, appeal from recorder's court; John Jasper Black, assault and disorderly conduct and operating car while drunk, appeal from county court; Buck Outerbridge, carrying concealed weapon, appeal from county court; Sam Raynor, house breaking and larceny, entered on docket by warrant; Claudie Wilks, assault with intent to rape, warrant; Charlie Keel (colored), assault with intent to rape, warrant; J. T. Sarvis, assault with deadly weapon and drunk and disorderly, appeal from county's court; Earl Mobley, larceny, appeal; Teddy Jackson, drunk and disorderly, appeal; Jeff Ausbon, drunk and disorderly, appeal; Primus Cherry, seduction, entered on the docket by warrant; Prim Sherrod, larceny, warrant; J. T. Sarvis, incest, warrant; H. D. Rogers, non-support, appeal; Hettie Powell, larceny, appeal; Willis Pearce, operating truck without license, appeal; John Griffin and Curtis Rhodes, affray, appeal; Isam Williams, non-support, appeal; Spence Gurganus, rape, warrant; Sam Raynor, larceny, appeal; Golden Godard, cruelty to animals, continued from previous term; Ernest Vick, murder, entered on docket by warrant. Vick, charged with the death of Frank Price in an automobile wreck near Oak City several weeks ago, is now out under bond.

RADIO REPORTS

Each afternoon, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday, the State and Federal crop reporting service reviews tobacco prices paid on the Williamston market in a report over radio station WPTF. The reports are based on government grading service.

RECORDER HAD ELEVEN CASES HERE TUESDAY

Five Other Cases Continued By Judge Bailey; Next Term in October

Eleven cases were called in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, Judge Bailey continuing five other cases scheduled for trial at the session.

The court will not hold another session until next month, the superior court convening next Monday for a two weeks term.

C. M. Burton, charged with passing worthless checks, was called, but he failed to answer. Papers were issued for his arrest.

The case charging Gabriel Wiggins with non-support was not progressed. Pleading guilty in the case charging him with operating a car while intoxicated, J. D. McKeithan was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

A nol proson resulted in the case charging Roy Boston with larceny. Fined \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon, Norman Williams appealed to the higher courts.

Willie Huggins was sentenced to jail for 30 days to be hired out for operating a car without lights and license.

Buck Brown, adjudged guilty of an assault upon a female, was sentenced to jail for 30 days to be hired out.

Early May Boston was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs for manufacturing liquor.

Levi Harris was sentenced to jail for 60 days for an assault with a deadly weapon.

Mrs. Joe Shugar appealed to the higher courts when she was found guilty of reckless driving and fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Roosevelt Yarell was adjudged guilty of simple assault, Judge Bailey suspending judgment upon payment of the costs of the case and assured good behavior.

COUNTY HOME INMATE DIES

William E. Rogers, 55, Is Victim of Heart Disease Tuesday Night

William E. Rogers, highly respected inmate at the Martin County home for about five years, died there last Tuesday night of heart disease. He had been in feeble health for some time.

Mr. Rogers, 55 years old, was the son of the late Levi Rogers, Primitive Baptist minister, and his wife, Patsy Corey Rogers. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Dicie Cowan, and Miss Asa Rogers, and two half-sisters, Misses Emma Wade and Ada Leggett, all of this county.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at the county home by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial was in the county burial ground, near here.

IS 5 CENTS LOWER THAN RATE FOR PRECEDING YEAR

State Aid Enables Board to Reduce Rate Despite Lower Valuation

Meeting here last Tuesday for the third time this month, the county board of commissioners dealt a last economy blow to budgets and established a county-wide tax rate of \$1.29 on the \$100 property valuation. While the rate is only 5 cents under the one levied last year, it reflects a much greater saving to taxpayers because property values dropped more than a million and a half dollars under the figures of last year. This valuation decrease actually made increases necessary in some departments, but even in the face of valuation losses, the school rate more than offsets the increases and lowers the rate by 5 cents. Last year 92 cents were levied to run the schools. This year a levy of 57 1/2 cents will be necessary to operate the schools, care for bonds and bond interest.

This year, the county anticipates the collection of \$180,826.03 to run the county one year, care for all departments, including bonds and interest, operate the schools and care for retirement of bonds and bond interest. Last year the county had found it necessary to collect \$216,164.91 for these items. In other words, the county will find it necessary to collect \$35,338.88 less than it did last year for the schools and for the general county purposes, due partly to increased aid for schools from the State, the change in road operation and a strict economy.

In reality, the rate in Williamston Township has been reduced 24 cents, as follows: The road tax, a special levy, is now only 18 cents, as compared with 35 cents last year. The special school tax is 20 cents as compared with 22 cents last year. And then there is the 5-cent reduction in the county-wide rate. When one considers that property values dropped more than a million and a half dollars this year, or 10 per cent, he will see that the rate in this township could have been reduced 37 cents had the valuation remained the same as it was in 1930.

In some districts, the reduction will be as much as 40 cents, while in others there will be little, if any, reduction, on account of heavy road bond issues and fluctuating levies for the extended school term. The rates that will be necessary to care for township road bonds and extended school terms have not been determined in all the districts, and until they are, it will be impossible to say just how much taxes are reduced. It is believed, however, that when all the special rates are determined, the total tax levy, including everything, will be from \$75,000 to \$90,000 less than it was for the year 1930.

The commissioners, in determining the rate, slashed the budgets, refusing county aid for the commercial department in the Robersonville schools and agricultural work in the Jamesville schools this year. It is understood that the affected districts will support the respective departments from local tax funds. The commissioners also refused to extend county aid to the schools for the payment of an extra month's salary to principals who work ordinarily two weeks before school opens and two weeks after it closes.

Elsewhere in this paper appears a budget summary, showing the various items to be cared for in the 1931 tax levy. The budget calls for \$124,624.77 for the operation of the schools. Of this amount the county is to raise by taxes \$27,582.16. The State says each county will pay to the extent of 15 cents on the 1930 valuations for the support of the schools. The valuation decrease made a rate of 17 1/2 cents necessary, and finding that the schools could not be operated on the allotment and by the State the county approved a supplemental budget of 3 cents, which will raise \$3,751.61. The 17 1/2 cent rate will raise \$23,830.55, it is estimated.

The biggest items in the budget are there to care for debt service of the county and schools, approximately \$105,000 being required to care for bonds and bond interest.

As compared with levies in other eastern counties, the rate in Martin is low.

Sunday Services At The Church of the Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector. Holy communion, 8 a. m. Sunday school, 10 a. m.